

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
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HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAFFIC PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:
MAIL. MAIL.
Going South: 6:10 P. M. and 8:20 P. M.
Going North: 8:35 A. M. and 9:50 P. M.

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Nice clean newspapers for wrapping paper for sale at the Free Press office for only 25 cents a hundred.

White piques 10 cents.

GREEN & PRICE.

WHAT TO WEAR, at Bookstore.

Mens and boys spring hats in splendid assortment.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

A good stock of ladies and Misses Kelly shoes just received.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Victoria lawns 10 cents.

GREEN & PRICE.

Something new in slippers.

DAILEY & BRO.

Crop mortgages for sale at this office.

M. HINZIE.

Printed lawns 5 cents at.

GREEN & PRICE.

Free delivery in city at.

McALLISTER'S.

BIRD CAGES at Bookstore.

For the finest chewing tobacco in town try our "Jeff Davis twist."

H. HARDY & CO.

Remember that the Royal Patent and Eagle Steam flour are the best in the market, and for sale only by

M. HINZIE.

More goods and better goods, just arrived at the grocery house of

Jas. Taylor & Bro.

For cash—low prices in groceries at

McALLISTER'S.

Full line bacon and lard.

H. HARDY & CO.

Fine fishing poles and tackle at

McALLISTER'S.

Fresh lot dried beef and plain lard at

H. HARDY & CO.

WITHOUT A HOME, E. P. Roe's new novel at Bookstore.

Bacon, lard, pickles, &c. at

McALLISTER'S.

Nice comb honey for 10 cents per pound at

Jas. Taylor & Bro.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

Car load of Eagle Steam and Royal Patent flour, best in the market, just received at

M. HINZIE.

Just received a choice lot of coffee and Louisiana sugars and syrups.

H. HARDY & CO.

We are still paying the highest price in groceries for corn, chickens, eggs and other country produce. Come to

M. HINZIE.

Summer Silks.

Down to cost at

GREEN & PRICE.

Dayley & Bro. have just received a new line of trimming for ladies hats, also a few new shapes in hats and bonnets.

Mess. Imhoff, Manager.

Gloves.

Kids, silks, Taffetas, silk suits, blacks, colors, cream and white. Come and get a pair.

GREEN & PRICE.

Dress cutting and fitting done in the latest style, all work guaranteed.

DAILEY & BRO.

Green & Price have received a large and well assorted stock of Hosiery. All the newest shades. Cheap, cheap.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

A car load of choice Kansas city flour—sold under strict guarantee.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Fresh arrival of fine flour at

McALLISTER'S.

Try the "Immense" cigar at

HARDY & CO.

Louisiana molasses at

McALLISTER'S.

Fresh goods every day

TAYLOR & THOMAS.

Feed feed!

From and after to-day, we will begin the delivery of feed to the people of San Marcos and vicinity.

STEEL & CO.

Bring your eggs and butter to

TAYLOR & THOMAS.

The Water Company will close off the water next Monday morning for the purpose of putting a by pass and check valve at the "junction" of the main from pump and reservoir. Water takers should supply themselves early Monday morning.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

New Millinery Goods.

Mrs. Richardson is now opening a full line of millinery in hats, bonnets and trimmings of all kinds. Is prepared to show you a splendid collection of goods in this line. More goods to arrive in a day or two. Mrs. Richardson is agent for the "Universal Fashion" Co's Perfect Fitting Patterns.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, on Texas, San Marcos, Oct. 25-ly.

Prof. Whitehead informs us that his dancing academy is progressing nicely, and has now about twenty-five pupils. We do not doubt but that the professor is a very competent teacher of the latest dances.

Ladies.

You are invited to call and look through Messrs. Green & Price's new goods. They have opened the finest stock of goods ever displayed in the city of San Marcos. Go and spend the day.

Just received a fresh lot of oatmeal, cream cheese, lard, etc.

TAYLOR & THOMAS.

Shoes and Slippers.

You can get the shoe or slipper you are looking for at Green & Price. They have received their new goods.

For the best and cheapest fancy candies.

TAYLOR & THOMAS.

Laces.

Ask to see our Egyptian laces 15 cents to \$1.25 per yard. Laces, Tulle and other laces, greatly reduced in price.

GREEN & PRICE.

"Oh! Mama."

Can I get me a pair of new shoes at Green & Price? They have such nice ones, and Oh! so cheap.

Save the Honey Crop.

Arrived and ready a car load of white pine Root Sicily hives and bee fixtures. Extractors, knives, smokers, foundation and A B C books, 1 pound sections and extra frames in any quantity. Call at Hart's shop, near depot or at our apuraries. Italian Queen price list, free.

J. M. KILLOUGH & Co.

Firemen's Ball.

Will take place at Harper Hall, on the eve, of 21st. You are cordially invited to attend Green & Price's and get a beautiful fan for the occasion.

You will find on the 10 cent counter at Jas Taylor & Bro. many things that's worth more than twice the money asked for them.

Ladies.

Send or take your boys and children to Green & Price's for a new spring suit. They will fit them up in the latest styles, cheaper than any merchant in San Marcos. Give them a trial.

Goods warranted as represented.

Ladies Only.

Outline of Fashions and Parades is simply exquisite. We will not attempt a description of either, but ask you to come and behold "a thing of beauty, a joy forever."

Green & Price.

Clothing.

Green & Price have received the largest, finest and cheapest stock of clothing ever opened in San Marcos. They will suit you better goods for less money than any house in the city. Call and examine their stock.

Cash! Cash!! Cash!!!

From April 1st I will sell groceries positively for cash only. In consequence of which I have reduced the prices on everything. Call and satisfy yourselves that these are facts.

Respectfully, J. F. FAYE.

Corporation Election—The Result.

NORTH POLL. SOUTH POLL. TOTAL.

Giesen, 91. 99. 181.

Cook, 75. 28. 103.

Green, 135. 114. 249.

Glaver, 148. 100. 248.

Wood, 150. 102. 252.

Donahoe, 96. 73. 169.

Williams, 120. 101. 221.

Dailey, 84. 37. 121.

Price, 97. 81. 178.

Turner, 71. 38. 109.

Total number of votes cast 296, the largest ever cast at a similar election.

NOTE.—Oddly enough we failed last week to give the vote on the towns taking charge of the free schools. It was as follows:

North poll 95 for, 64 against; South poll 71 for, 35 against. Total 166 for, 99 against; total vote for and against, 265.

What next?

"Let us have peace."

"Every prospect pleases."

Science hall letter unavoidably crowded out.

Mr. Northercraft has explored Cottonwood since the rain and reports the "waterholes" as about half full.

Rev. Mr. French, has gone to attend the meeting of the West Texas Presbytery which meets at Uvalde to-day.

The P. D. A. Club meets to-morrow night at the residence of Mrs. S. R. Kone near the College.

We stop the press to say that the disorderly proceedings last night were such as all good citizens of all parties must condemn. More in our next.

William Glover took out a license to marry Miss Elizabeth Young last Saturday. The ceremony occurred last Sunday at the Methodist Church. No cards.

We should not have given so much space to the proceedings of the late railroad meeting, had it not also served to illustrate the progress of the important art of stenography in our town.

Children's Mission Day.

The second Sunday in April, 12th inst., has been agreed upon by Baptist Sunday schools throughout the state of Texas, as a time for a "children's mission day." Responsive Scriptural readings, original songs, recitations by children, all composed by Texas men, especially for the occasion, and a talk or short sermon on State missions make up the programme.

The Baptist Sunday school of San Marcos will hold the service above indicated at 8 P. M. 12th inst.

A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially the Sabbath school of our town to attend the service.

L. D. JACKSON, Sup't. Baptist S. S.

We are pleased to hear of a movement for the removal of Baylor College to this place. It is said it will seek a healthier location. Kyle and San Antonio are competing points. San Marcos is securely much preferable to either for the purpose in view. We hope the institution may come here.

We had splendid rains on Monday and Tuesday—the best of this year so far. Unless frost should yet come, a good corn and wheat crop is assured.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Alley, the barber is soon to remove to Blanco.

T. J. Green of Galveston is in town. He is a partner of E. S. Jenison of New York.

Mr. Hart has just completed a new and improved cotton and hay press.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendon are visiting at Kyle.

B. J. Brackbridge of San Antonio and L. B. McDowell of Lockhart, are registered at the Hoffman.

Sam H. Dixon, of Austin, came over on Tuesday to spend a few days in his old neighborhood.

Mr. Lyle of Mississippi, is here, stopping with Capt. Martin. He thinks of making this his home.

Mr. McLemore of Mississippi, a brother-in-law of J. V. Hutchins, has come to this section to reside.

Mr. Mott, formerly with Capt. Hinzle, has returned and expects to remain in this place.

Maj. Donelson returned from a visit to Bastrop county last week, in improved health.

Mr. Lanham has a beautiful centre table of his own make, inlaid with Texas walnut. It is worth looking at by all admirers of art.

Messrs. Bryant & Killough, we learn are extending their bee enterprise. They are receiving a large number of hives from the North.

We meant to have noticed sooner the recent arrival of Mrs. Cannon, mother of our enterprising young grocer. We believe she has come to reside here.

Mr. Wright, a commercial tourist from Little Rock Ark., and his wife are here prospecting for a home. They are stopping at Prescott's.

Mrs. Mathews has removed into the former residence of Col. Ellison, which was purchased some time since by her brother, Geo. W. Brackbridge.

Dr. Meyers of this place has been appointed local physician and surgeon for the International and Great Northern railway company.

Rev. Geo. L. Bitzler will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All invited to attend.

The students of Mrs. Andrews school, Science Hall Home Institute, keep up a regular debating society, and great improvement is indicated among some of the members.

Mr. Hull, late of Memphis Tenn., mentioned in our last, has, with Mr. Luther Williams, taken the room in the rear of the Free Press office, where both are prosecuting the study of law.

Owing to the disability of the regular pastor, Mr. Hendon, in consequence of protracted illness, services at the Baptist church have for some time been quite irregular. We now learn that Rev. L. D. Jackson will hold regular services there till further orders.

Miss Mary Combs, who has been visiting at Atlanta for several months, recently returned home, via New Orleans with San Marcos visitors to the Exposition. Her many friends are glad to see her home again.

The mother of the Dailey brothers of this place was a cousin of U. S. Senator L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi, now Secretary of the Interior, under President Cleveland. Mirabeau B. Lamar, one of the Presidents of the Republic of Texas, was also a cousin to the Senator.

Mr. Fagan, a nephew of Maj. Hoxie and also related to Judge Kone, has connected himself with the business of the latter at this place. Mr. Fagan has been nearly all over South America, in the railroad service, and says he has seen no finer country than ours here. His family are yet in South America.

Dailey & Bro., again have a manager of their millinery department in the person of Miss Ingham, an accomplished and young lady—a native Texan. We hope she may find her stay in San Marcos both pleasant and profitable.

A wide awake business lady of our town suggests that we publish a list of the improvements in the same during a year past. She thinks the showing would be remarkable and encouraging, considering the "hard times." The suggestion is a good one, and our contractors and builders will be glad to see the way of statistics, we shall take pleasure in carrying it out.

RAILROAD MEETING.

Our Citizens in Mass Meeting Discuss the Proposition of a Tap Line From Luling.

FULL PROCEEDINGS.

Due notice being given by publication in the Free Press and by circulating handbills a day or two previous to the date of meeting—Friday the 3rd inst. at 8 p. m.—there was a large attendance. We give our readers a nearly verbatim stenographic report taken by Mr. Victor Julian which may be of some interest.

At half past 8 o'clock the meeting came to order and on motion, Judge W. D. Wood was called to the chair and S. V. Daniels appointed secretary.

In his opening remarks the chair stated that in his judgment there was nothing so important to the interests of Hays County and especially to the town of San Marcos, as the construction of the railroad from Luling to this place.

Mr. E. P. Reynolds suggested that in his belief there had been some correspondence with some of the authorities with reference to the proposed road some time ago.

The chair stated that a letter had been addressed to Major Converse last August to which a reply was received in which he said he was very anxious to have the tap road built and that he would lay the matter before the directors of the road, and that as soon as they felt able they would take hold of the ropes. Nothing has been heard from him since. Wood, Fisher and Hutchins were members of the old committee. The chair further said that if the road was built it would give San Marcos the benefit of competition in lower rates for transportation, and in a very short period of time the water power we have here would be utilized. Persons with means, skill and experience select points where there is competition in rates as the case now stands are in the hands of the International railway. With proper shipping facilities San Marcos would have the advantage over either Austin or San Antonio, and that in his judgment if we were to get this road the wealth of this town would be doubled and trebled in three years, and that the construction was essential to the prosperity of our people.

Mr. Northercraft here inquired as to whether it would be a good idea to adopt a charter and said he understood it would necessitate a cost of about \$100.

Judge Kone then took the floor and spoke about as follows: "My understanding is that we are here for discussing this matter. As in the position taken by the chair I fully concur in everything that he said. I believe that if we can get this road our population will be doubled inside of three years. I believe that San Marcos will be the district in the future for all the surrounding country; I believe that we have decided advantages over Austin and San Antonio in this, our road is cheaper and our taxation is lighter. I think it is absolutely necessary for the prosperity of San Marcos that we have this road built here. I do not believe that to secure a

charter would be the best move now. If I am not mistaken before we secure our charter we must have paid in five per cent. of capital stock and were not able to do this at present. The first thing to be done is to see what the right of way will cost and in about six months we will have matters arranged so that we can go to work and get this road. The best thing we can do to-night is to get a committee of seven or ten men who understand this matter and feel some interest in it and correspond with the capitalists. It is to the interest of the San Marcos road to build this track. I have been informed that the Sunset road has ninety miles of iron rails that have been replaced with steel, if this is true then they have more than twenty miles of good iron on hand."

The Chair: Judge Fisher stated that Major Converse told him that they had iron for eighty miles of road—in good condition.

By Kone: Motion that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to take such steps in the matter as the gentlemen may dictate and report at a meeting some time in the future to be called.

Mr. Glover: "I think that the first move in the matter is to secure the right of way."

By Kone: "I think it could be secured for a good deal less now than after it is known that the road is to be built."

Mr. Reynolds: "It occurs to me that a preliminary survey, something to indicate the probable line of the road, will be a necessity."

Mr. Kone: In regard to this matter something has been said in reference to the survey proper can only be made by an incorporated company. We might secure permission by consent of parties to make some preliminary survey of this kind, do not think it would be necessary for this purpose. I understand to-night that we are to discuss the propriety of organizing. To incorporate we have to secure a charter which would cost \$100 and must have subscribed stock amounting to \$10,000. I have understood that from here to the line of Hays county parties have indicated their willingness to concede the right of way—we are simply to determine whether we shall pursue that course or incorporate.

Judge Kone stated that he believed the former course the most practical at present, incorporate a railroad company. In regard to the question as to the Sunset and International railroads there is one advantage in the case of a company organized by home people under a charter in that case the people could determine for themselves whether they are to connect with the Sunset or Northern or the Sunset companies. This line many continue from here to Fredericksburg; if the home people will take this matter in hand we will certainly secure the right of way on more reasonable terms.

Chairman: "Any more suggestions to make gentlemen?"

Mr. McGee took the floor and said that as to the right of way from here to Luling to the point suggested by Mr. Kone he did not think there could be much doubt about the route the road would be compelled to take. It would be very easy matter to tell every survey that the road would have to cross, they are most all long surveys fronting on the river. I think the right of way could be secured without any preliminaries; my idea is that it could be secured without any cost to the people here.

Question by Kone: "How far is it from here to that point?"

Ans. "I don't think it could be over 18 miles to where the road would cross York's creek and not more than two miles farther to the Sunset road, there would be no grading needed on the road at all, no hills to cross; from here to the County line is the best piece of ground there is."

Mr. Daniels: "I would like to know whether a legal right of way could be secured without securing a charter?"

Judge Kone: "We don't propose to obtain the right of way but simply to see how far we can get it for us. I heard a gentleman say that if we could secure the right of way we could raise enough capital to build the road in 30 days. All that is asked is the depot grounds and the right of way, if we can get these the Sunset Company will build the road."

By Chair: One thing is apparent, we cannot raise the road to build this railroad ourselves; the Sunset Company is interested in building this road. I think the motion of Judge Kone is in the right direction. Let this committee ascertain from the Sunset authorities what they will give the proper guarantees, when we have that assurance we can go to work with some heart. If the right of way and depot grounds are all that is required I think we can get it. The road will certainly be advantageous to all land-owners, especially those that very few land-owners on this road will refuse to give the right of way; as to what the depot grounds will cost I am not prepared to say, it depends upon the liberality of our citizens and the amount of ground demanded for this purpose, we must depend upon somebody else for the money who that somebody else is will have to be ascertained.

Northercraft said he believed it would be a good idea if the people would get Judge Wood to see Judge Converse and the people pay his expenses to San Antonio and back.

Judge Wood remarked that if one, two, three or four gentlemen would go to San Antonio and arrange that they would not doubt be perfectly willing to pay their own expenses and not expect the people to do it.

The motion by Judge Kone to appoint a committee of seven to attend to correspondence, get forms as to the right of way, etc., was put and carried and the following gentlemen were thereupon appointed by the chair: E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds, E. P. Reynolds.

By Chair: I appreciate that every citizen who has the prospect of this road at heart is a leader in all legitimate ways, I consider this a matter of the greatest importance to our town. Pending adjournment Judge Kone requested the chair to inform the members that the committee would meet immediately thereafter.

Adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

Ed. R. Kone in the chair, J. G. Barlow, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Northercraft representative of the Free Press invited to remain during the sitting of the committee and to meet with said committee at all future meetings.

Judge Wood stated that they had no communication from Converse and could not get any answer from him, the first thing necessary would be to find out the whereabouts of Converse and to address him a letter to that effect. The committee on these matters, the purpose of the committee being to find out where Converse could meet him and discuss the subject.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds to send him a request to meet the committee at this place was put and carried.

Mr. McGee said that he thought Mr. A. J. Fry of San Antonio could give Mr. Converse's whereabouts.

By Judge Wood: "My judgment is that the first thing for us to do is to see Major Converse and see what we can do with him."

The Committee invited Mr. Hinzle who happened to be present to sit with them.

The Major arose and said that if he was in order he would like to make a few remarks which would be of benefit to the committee. He said "I see that you have made up your mind to build a railroad. The first thing to be done is to form a company, elect a president and vice president, a secretary, and a board of directors; you then go to work and appoint committees for the purpose of taking up subscriptions and appoint a right of way agent. The next thing to be done is to go out and secure all the real estate we can, for in many cases you can get land where you can get no money. For instance a man says to you 'I can't give you my money but I'll give you land'—ten, or a thousand acres—or he says 'I'll give you the right of way.'"

To undertake to get money from outside parties to build a road, that has not